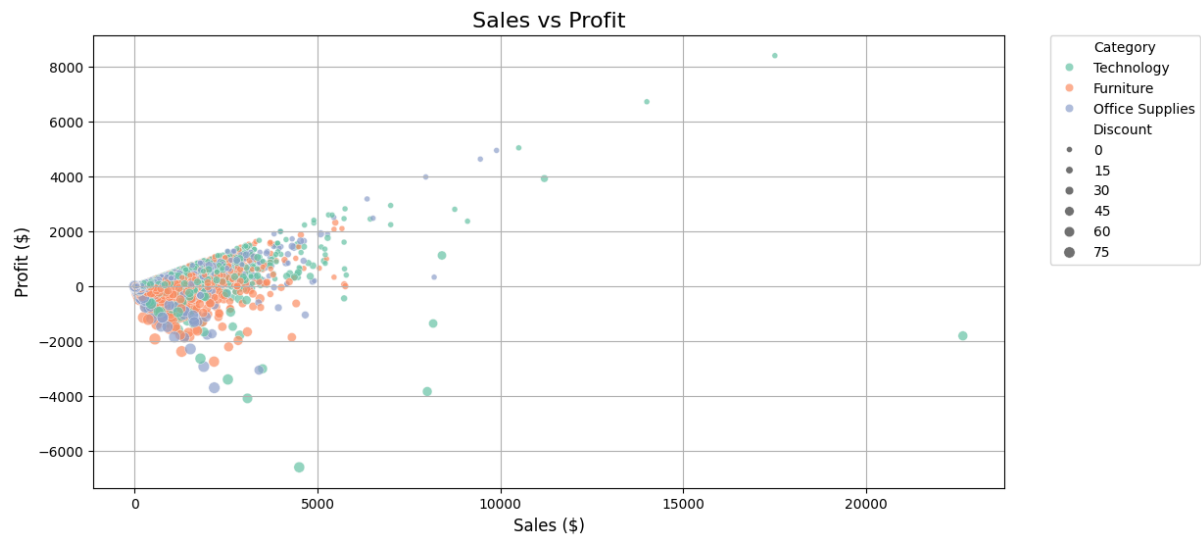Key Insights

1. Sales and Profitability

- Sales Distribution: Sales are highly right-skewed, with a few high-value orders contributing significantly to total revenue.
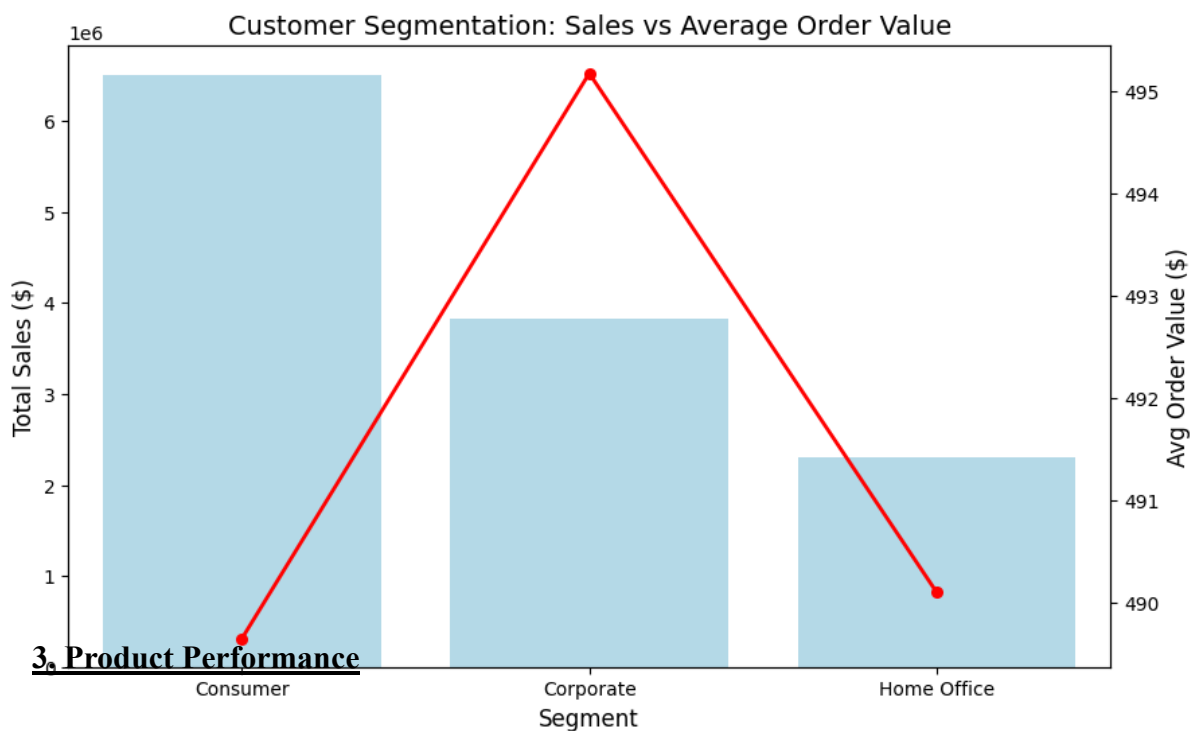

- Profitability: Some categories (e.g., Technology) and sub-categories (e.g., Copiers) are highly profitable, while others (e.g., Furniture, especially Chairs and Tables) often operate at a loss(in the coming graphs).
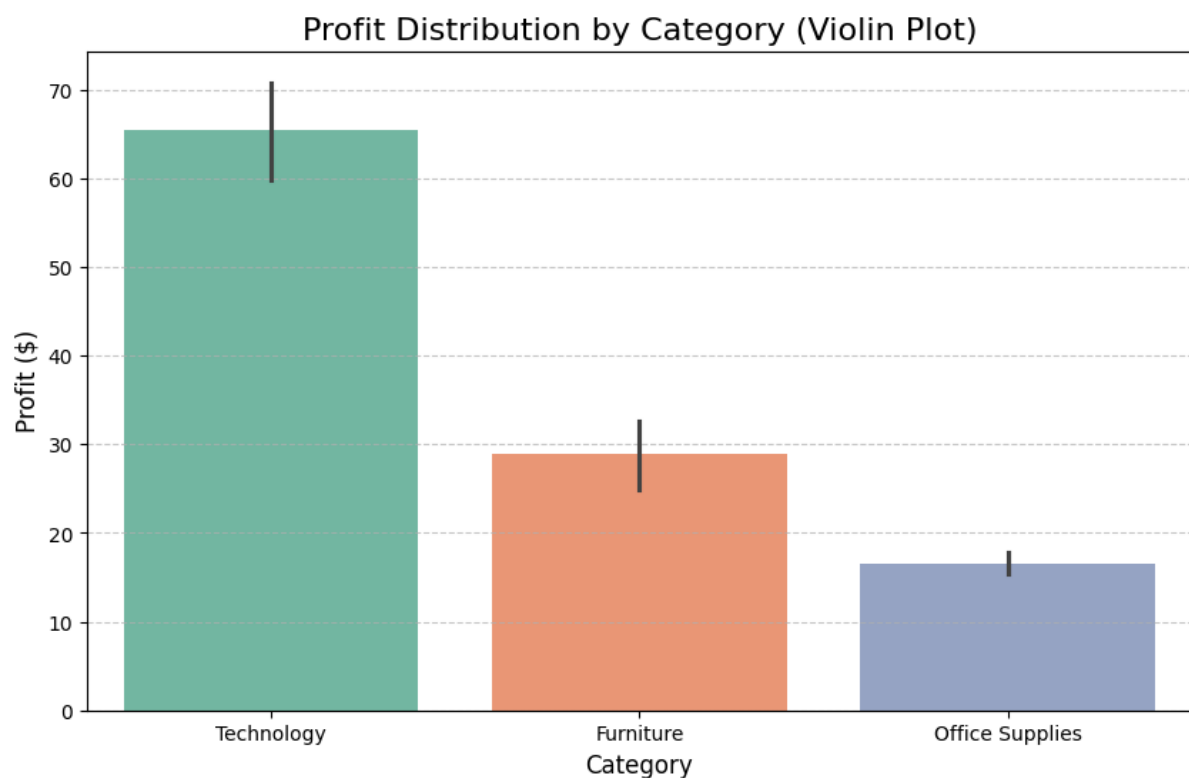
2. Customer Behavior

- Customer Segmentation: Consumers are the largest segment by sales volume, but Corporate and Home Office segments often have higher average order values.

- Repeat Customers: A small group of customers (e.g., Muhammed Yedwab) make frequent purchases, indicating loyalty potential.

	Customer Name	Sales	Profit	Quantity
0	Tom Ashbrook	40488.070800	6311.979100	284
1	Tamara Chand	37457.333000	8672.898900	271
2	Greg Tran	35550.954280	5214.131180	310
3	Christopher Conant	35187.076400	5603.333700	287
4	Sean Miller	35170.932960	-409.706340	169
5	Bart Watters	32310.446500	3595.885900	338
6	Natalie Fritzler	31781.258500	1542.821100	325
7	Fred Hopkins	30400.674520	4609.291120	290
8	Jane Waco	30288.450300	6265.845700	298
9	Hunter Lopez	30243.566580	7816.567780	207

Customer Segmentation: Sales vs Average Order Value

3. Product Performance

- Category Performance:

- Technology: Highest sales and profit.

- Office Supplies: Highest quantity sold but lower profit margins.

- Furniture: Low profitability, often due to high shipping costs and discounts.

- Discount Impact: High discounts (especially above 20%) are strongly correlated with negative profit margins, suggesting over-discounting erodes profitability.

Sales vs Profit by Segment, Quantity, and Discount
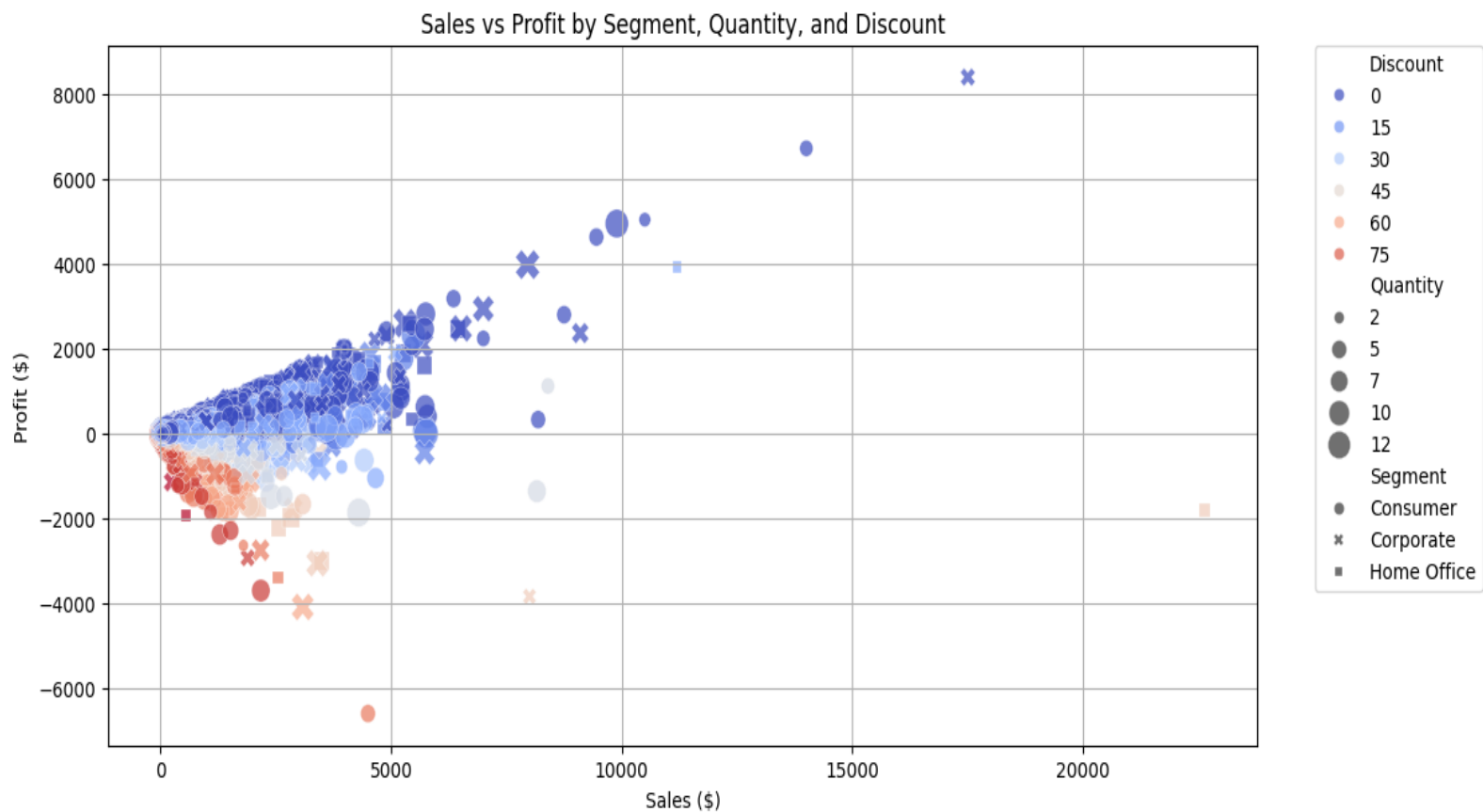
4. Regional and Market Trends

- Top Regions: North America (especially Central US) and Western Europe drive the most sales.

- Emerging Markets: Asia Pacific has high sales volume but lower profitability compared to established markets.


Profit by Category and Region
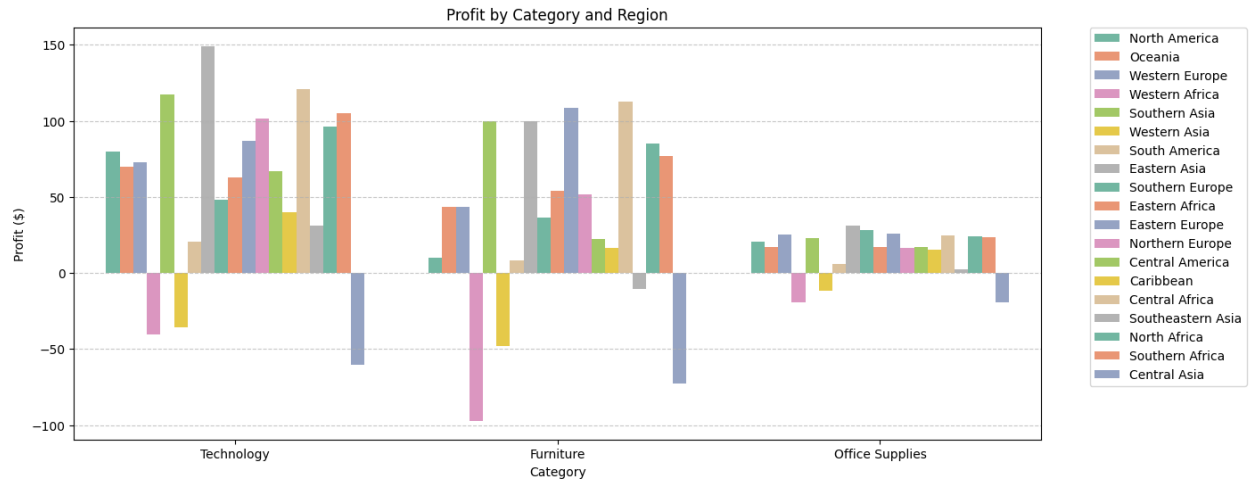
|	Country	Total_sales	Total_Profit	Quantity
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1	Australia	4908793.191000	551107.911000	10673
2	France	4330006.839000	534232.899000	10804
3	China	3537824.271000	767985.591000	7081
4	Mexico	3133306.215280	523016.915280	9972
5	Germany	3050957.776500	498969.496500	7739
6	India	2921531.715000	641075.895000	5755
7	United Kingdom	2668916.346000	581350.476000	6161
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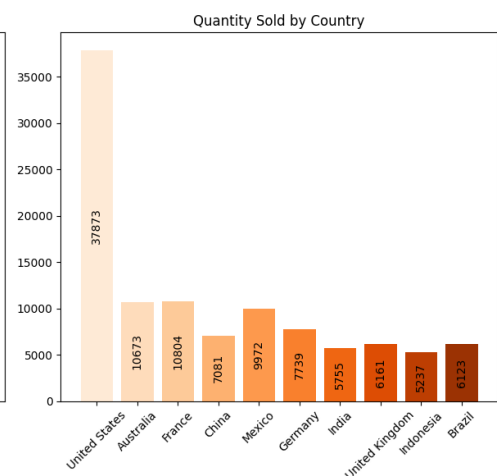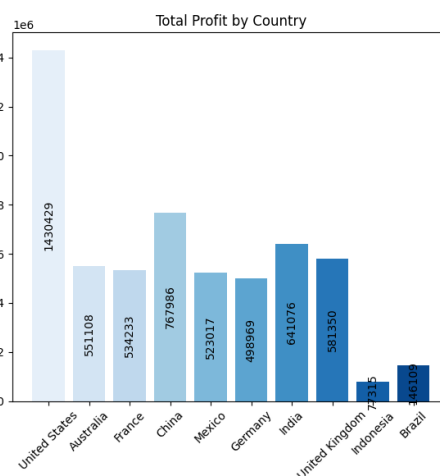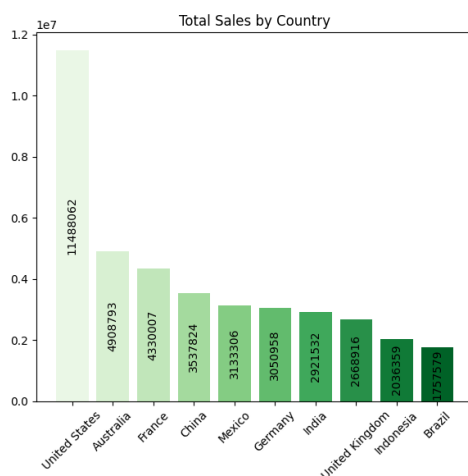
## 5. Shipping Efficiency

- Shipping Modes: Standard Class is most common but has the longest shipping duration. Same Day shipping is underutilized but may attract premium customers.

- Shipping Cost: Highly correlated with product category and distance. Furniture has disproportionately high shipping costs.

Average Shipping Duration by Ship Mode

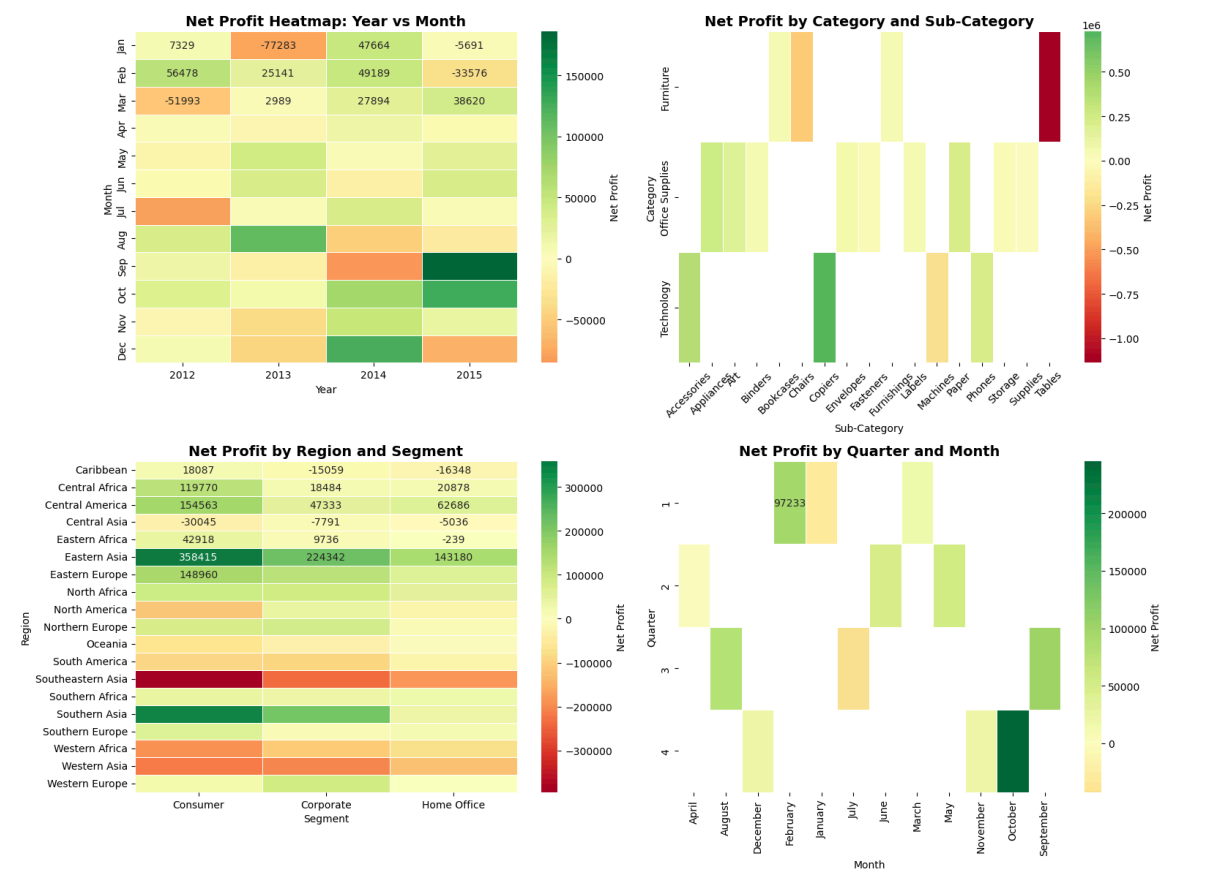Shipping Duration by Region
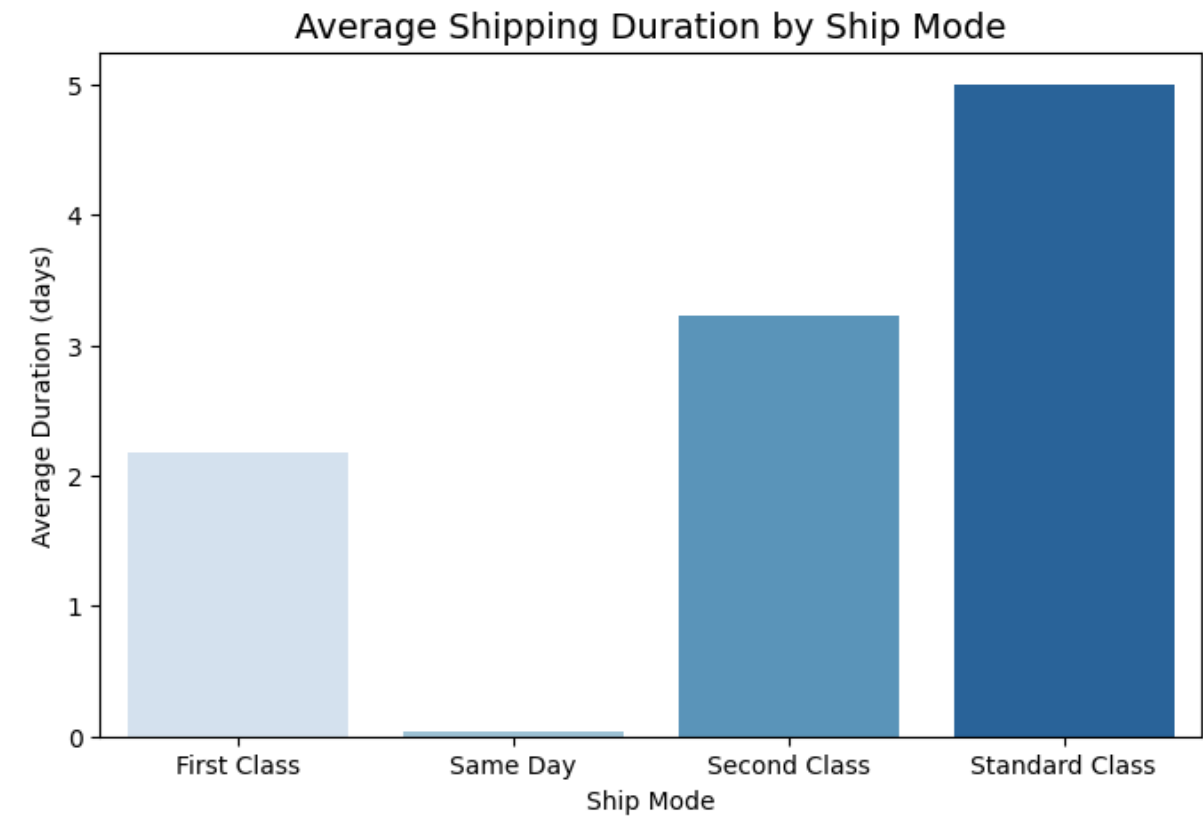
6. Temporal Trends

- Seasonality: Sales peak in the fourth quarter (holiday season). November and December are particularly strong. Year-over-Year Growth: Sales show a slight increasing trend from 2012 to 2015.

Sales Trends Over Time

Total Sales by Month

Total Sales by Quarters

Total Sales by Year
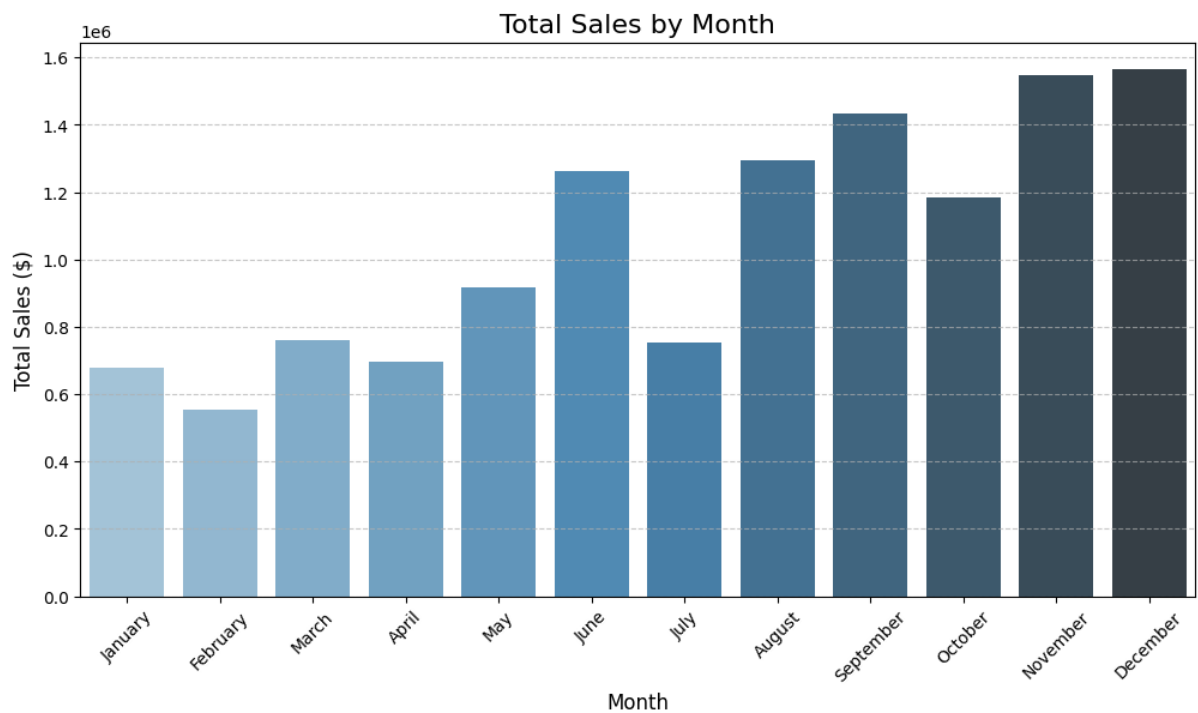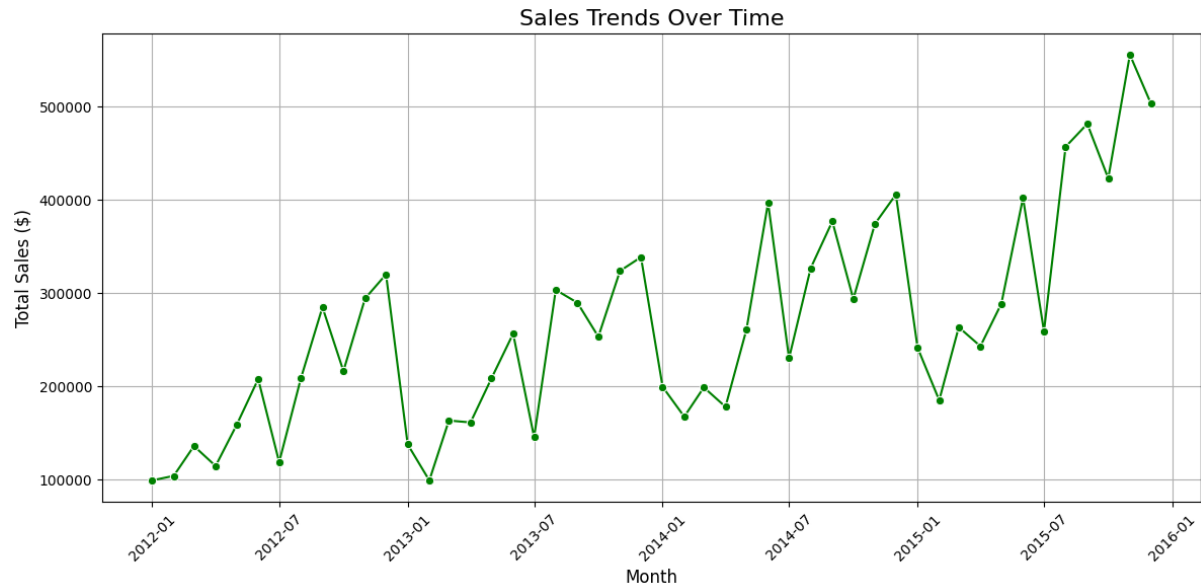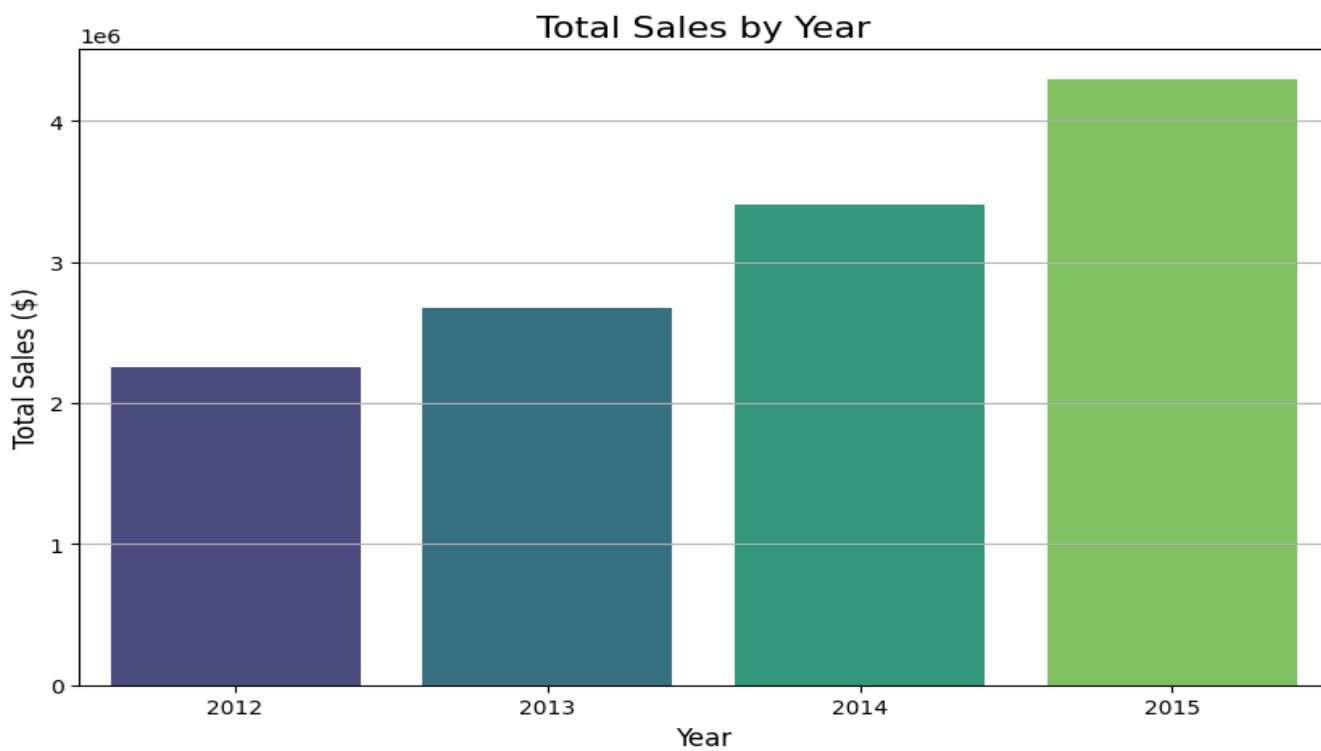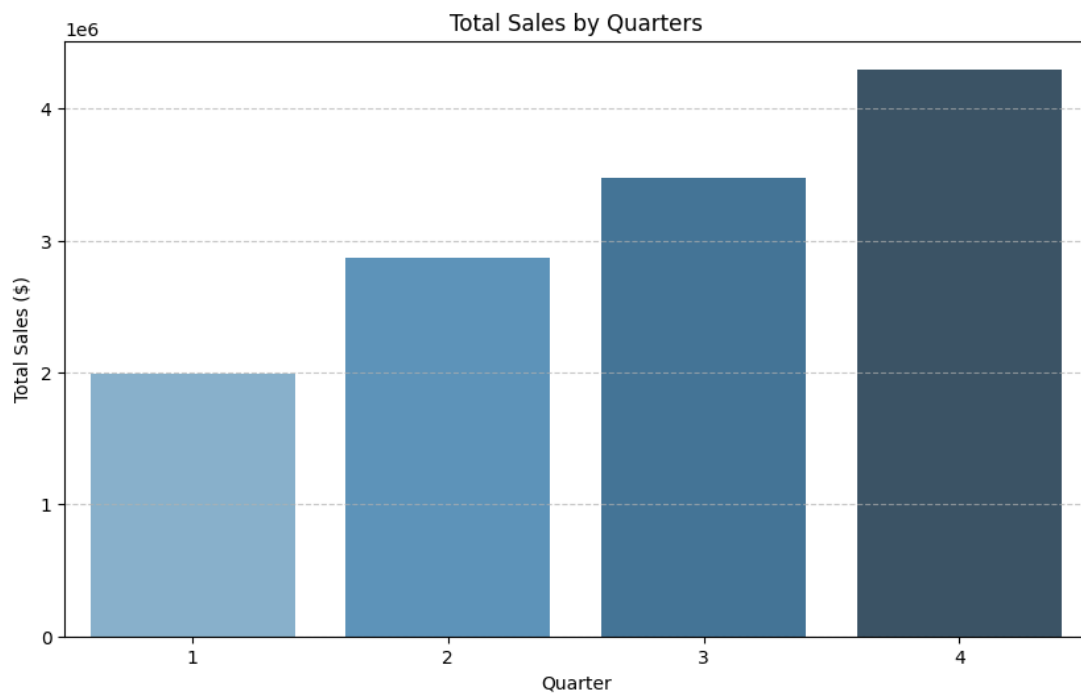
7. Profit Analysis

This section provides a detailed visual analysis of net profit trends across multiple dimensions using heatmaps.

•   Temporal Insights: The Year vs Month heatmap reveals seasonal profit fluctuations and highlights periods of loss or strong performance.

•   Category and Sub-Category Profitability: Identifies which product types contribute most to profit or loss (e.g., Technology and Copiers are high performers, while Furniture often incurs losses).

•   Regional and Segment Analysis: Shows how profitability varies by region and customer segment, emphasizing regional strengths and underperforming markets.

•   Quarterly Trends: Illustrates how profits shift across months and quarters, helping identify cyclical patterns and potential optimization periods.

These visual insights together help pinpoint where and when the business achieves the highest returns and where operational adjustments may be needed.

Conclusion

The analysis of the Global Superstore dataset provides a comprehensive view of sales, profitability, customer behavior, product performance, and regional trends. Key findings highlight that **high-value orders and profitable categories like Technology drive revenue**, while Furniture often operates at a loss due to discounts and shipping costs. Customer segmentation reveals opportunities to **enhance loyalty and average order value**, especially in the Corporate and Home Office segments. Temporal and regional trends identify **peak seasons and top-performing markets**, while shipping and profit heatmaps uncover areas for operational optimization.

Overall, these insights offer actionable guidance to **improve profitability, optimize inventory and shipping strategies, and target customers more effectively**, supporting data-driven business decisions and sustainable growth.